

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Robert J. Barak

Subject: February Meeting of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education.

Date: March 6, 2000

Recommended Action:

Receive the report.

Executive Summary:

The Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education (ICCPHSE) met at Hamilton College in Urbandale, Iowa, on February 24, 2000 for its regular meeting. Below is a summary of the major actions taken by the Council at that meeting.

The Council approved new programs at the following institutions:

1. Graceland College
 - Master of Education Degree in Collaborative Learning and Teaching for K-12 Educators (on- and off-campus).
2. Iowa Lakes Community College
 - Surgical Technology (on-campus)
3. Iowa State University
 - B.A Program in Communication Studies (on-campus).
 - Master of Accounting Program (on-campus).
4. Southwestern Community College
 - Ag Chemical Application (on-campus).

5. University of Iowa

- Baccalaureate Degree in Radiation Sciences (on-campus).

6. University of Northern Iowa State University

- Master of Accounting (MAcc) (on-campus).

7. William Penn College

- Associate of Arts in Leadership Studies (on- and off-campus).

The Council heard an update from the Advisory Committee on Distance Learning, a Committee established by the ICCPHSE to follow-up on the recommendations of the Governor's ACCESS Commission on Distance Education. John Lewis, Chair of the Committee, reported that the Committee, with the assistance of staff from Iowa Public Television (IPTV), had developed a distance education website. The website is intended to be a listing of all distance education courses offered by Iowa colleges and universities. The project has progressed to the point where staffing and support decisions need to be developed. The Council asked Mr. Lewis to come back with some recommendations at the Council's next meeting in May.

The Council viewed a video on degree mills and had a brief discussion of the efforts underway to strengthen Iowa's Postsecondary Registration law.

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Approved:

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